

# BC SPCA Kelowna Community Outreach Programs

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# Kelowna BC SPCA

Serving Central Okanagan since 1991 in Kelowna. The BC SPCA formed in 1895 and celebrated 125 Years in 2020.

Branch Manager Sean Hogan  
Branch Supervisor Chae Berry

Staff of 10  
Volunteer compliment of 150 including direct animal care, fostering, admin support, and fundraising/events

Able to help domestic, farm, and wildlife at the branch on Casorso in the Mission



# Adoption & Rehoming

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- ❑ 1,000+ animals adopted each year
- ❑ All adoptions of cats, dogs, rabbits include sterilization and permanent identification
- ❑ Adoptions include 6-week pet insurance trial, free health check with participating veterinarians, starter food and supplies

# RDCO Dog Control Adoption Services

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- ❑ Collaboration toward rehoming of dogs not claimed within the 72-hour hold at dog control in Kelowna
- ❑ We take over custody, provide ongoing care, get sterilized and microchipped, assess behaviourally, then promote through our online adoption application process
- ❑ Dogs are always licensed at the time of adoption

# Sean Hogan, Branch Manager, Kelowna BC SPCA

- Staff with BC SPCA since 2011. Started as a volunteer in 2009 (Vancouver)
- Managed Salt Spring Island Branch and moved to Kelowna branch 2016
- Lives in Rutland with 3 adopted cats and husband of 16 years
- Loves the outdoors, hiking parks in the Okanagan, and wine & cheese parties!





# Happy Tail

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In February 2022, a dog entered RDCO care and not redeemed by his owner prior to being transferred to SPCA care.

He was a senior male who had not been neutered or seen a veterinarian in a long time. We addressed his health needs and made him available for adoption.

Senior animals sometimes take time to find the right fit for rehoming. He was in our care just over three weeks prior to getting his forever home!



# One of Many HAPPY TAILS!!!

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# Spay, Neuter, and Microchip Program

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Our Kelowna SPCA offers a spay/neuter and identification program to families who live within the Regional District of Central Okanagan and meet Statistics Canada Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) guidelines.

Through Spay Neuter Identification Fund (SNIF), we help hundreds of cats, dogs, and a few rabbits each year. By sterilizing and providing a microchip that is registered with BC Pet Registry, the program impacts the number of unwanted litters and the length of time anxious owners wait to be reunited with a lost pet.

## WHO QUALIFIES?

- ❖ Residents of the Regional District Central Okanagan
- ❖ Meets threshold for Household Income as set by Statistics Canada LICO guidelines



# Over 400 SNIF Applications Each Year

Recipients receive subsidized financial support in the form of:

- Flat fee for procedure
- Includes typical sterilization surgery + microchip implant + 1 year paid registration with BC Pet Registry
- Includes cats, dogs, and rabbits
- Ten participating clinics across the RDCO

This is an application and not an actual voucher.

## BC SPCA KELOWNA SPAY/NEUTER IDENTIFICATION FUND (SNIF) APPLICATION

Your application for assistance will be reviewed by Branch Management

Our assessment of your financial need is based on the *Statistics Canada LICO (Low-Income Cut Off) System* and the information you provide below. We may request proof of income prior to approval.  
Approved applicants receive partial coverage of the Spay/Neuter surgery at participating veterinarians.  
Additional fees may occur and are the responsibility of the animal's guardian, not the BC SPCA.  
See back of this document for participating Okanagan Veterinary Clinics.

**Requirement of Permanent Identification:** Animals with permanent identification are reunited with their guardians in far greater numbers than animals with no identification. All animals in BC SPCA care and those we provide financial assistance receive a microchip with one year registration at BCPetRegistry.ca

*Your signature below means you and your pet live within the Regional District of Central Okanagan, you are the primary guardian, you have read and understood the terms of this application, you have been truthful about your income and needs, and you understand we may request more information to process your application.*

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**REQUIRED GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address must be physically within RDCO  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Household Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Income is BEFORE TAXES. We may ask for proof!      Household = Applicant + Dependents

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**REQUIRED PET INFORMATION:** One application per animal please!

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cat Breed: Domestic Short Hair ☐ Medium Hair ☐ Long Hair ☐ Other breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Size: <49lbs ☐ >50lbs ☐  
Colour/Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rabbit Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

APPLICATION APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/>	APPLICATION DECLINED + REASON <input type="checkbox"/>

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# Emergency Boarding Services

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The Kelowna BC SPCA offers temporary boarding of domestic and farm animals to community members who need safe and reliable shelter for their pets. Typically, the service is time-bound to two-weeks however, through the power of our volunteer foster network, we have been able to help animals for much longer.

Emergency Boarding may be necessary when an animal owner is:

- ❖ Fleeing domestic abusive situations
- ❖ Hospitalization of a short duration when no family or friends are able to take the animal(s)
- ❖ Natural disasters – floods, fires, unexpected home loss

We provide all animals a physical exam, vaccination update, and parasite management at the time of admission. *There are no fees charged for this service.*

# Animal Foodbank Services

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Our branch provides access to those members of the public and animal owners seeking temporary support with food and supplies.

Additionally, we partner with the Animal Food Bank organization who independently operate an online ordering system. AFB delivers food and supplies to their clients. Although they receive food from a variety of sources, we provide them with excess donated supplies and food for this program.

We started our collaboration with AFB in the Spring of 2020 just in time for Pandemic restrictions. To date, nearly 40,000 pounds of food and 18,000 cans of dog/cat food have gone through our partnership and into the homes of pets in our community.

# Admissions Guidelines

BC SPCA animal centres follow a managed admissions policy.

Managed admission means that animal centre population is managed or regulated to meet the needs of animals based on available capacity and resources.

Planning intake of animals is our priority; it allows staff a better opportunity to gather information about an animal, and plan for their needs and care

## BC SPCA Animal Admissions Guideline

*For BC SPCA Staff*

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

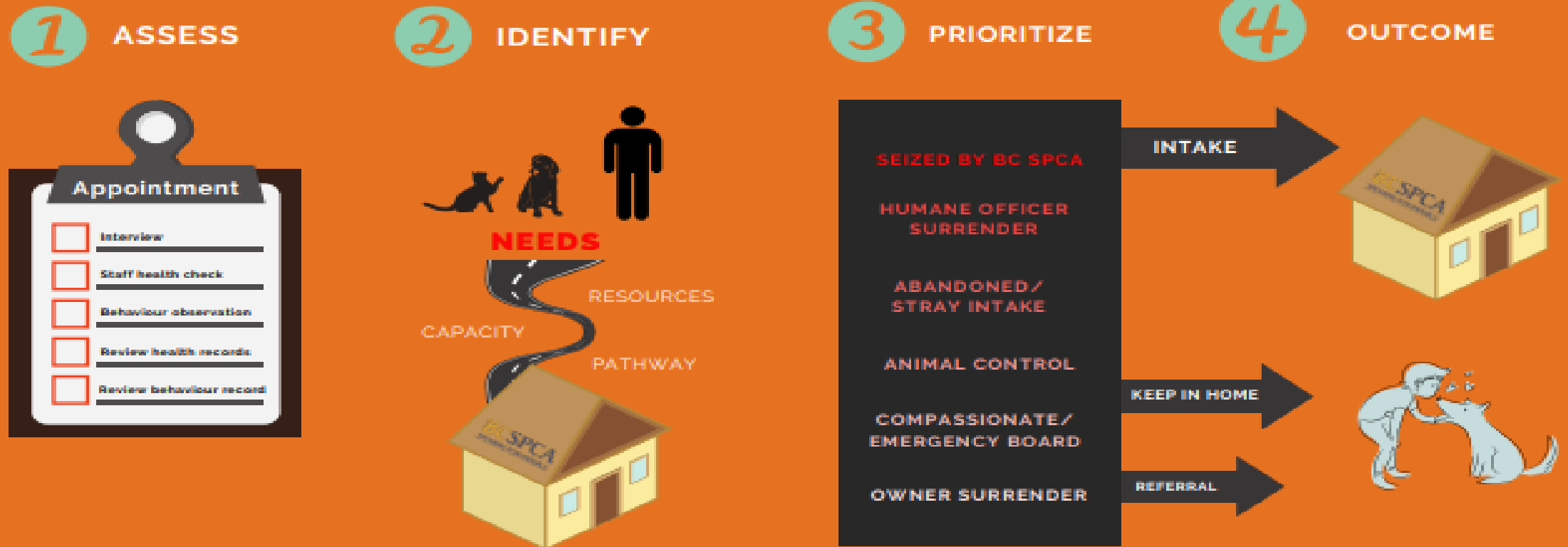
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# MANAGED ADMISSIONS

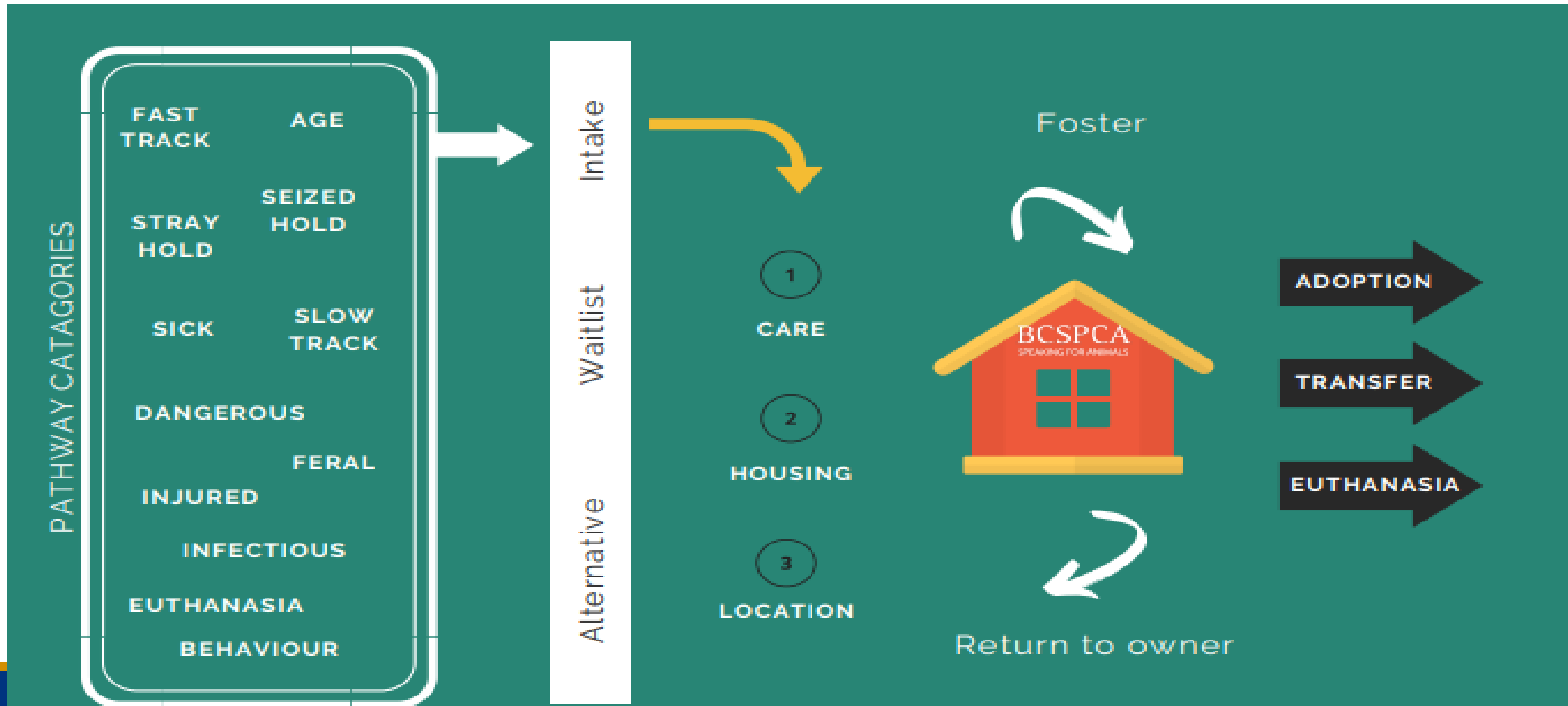
A system that allows BC SPCA centres to plan animal intakes based on animal needs

HOW WE HELP ANIMALS AND PEOPLE WHO NEED US THE MOST



# PATHWAY PLANNING

An animal's plan that guides their stay and starts before they enter a centre



# Questions? Comments?

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